

# Liberty Wing sharpens its sword

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Wing readiness

The 48th Fighter Wing continued to sharpen its sword during last week's local surety inspection here.

From May 9 - 16, the Liberty Wing demonstrated its proficiencies in numerous scenarios critical to mission effectiveness and similar to those the wing will see during an external surety inspection.

"We put them through their paces," said Maj. Gary Webb, wing readiness chief. "Our objective was to test the wing in much the same way the (surety inspec-

tion) team will in October."

Personnel from all four groups participated in limited exercises which verified their capability as well as thorough inspection of paperwork and processes. The inspections were detailed and difficult, especially in the area of the personnel reliability program.

"We want to ensure the wing is ready," said MSgt. Kelvin Means, readiness inspections division superintendent. "To do this, we need to be meticulous during inspections and everyday duties."

"This (inspection) was important because it was the last before the USAFE staff assistance visit in June," Webb said. "Our next exercise will be monitored by experts from USAFE to check our progress."

After June, the next visit will be by the USAFE inspector general for the actual inspection which will assure the wing's capabilities. This inspector evaluates the wing's management of resources by comparing unit performance against approved safety, security and reliability standards.

"There's been a lot of turnover since last year and I'm extremely proud of the attention we've paid to ensuring the 48th is ready and capable of doing the mission right," said Col. Doug Richardson, wing commander. "Despite the two months since the last local surety inspection, the wing has not laid off. I've noticed key improvements, which means we've remained focused on readiness and training."

"I want to reemphasize our surety program and affirm our focus in 1997



SrA. Shawna Fisher responds to an emergency from her Humvee.

on this important inspection. This year will continue to offer each of you more change and uncertainty, but all of us should be comforted to know that we have a rock-solid program that will keep us on track throughout the summer and right into the surety inspection."

Here are some of the necessary steps to be ready:

- All squadrons need to evaluate and correct all deficiencies identified in any surety inspection.

- Pay attention to the June 1996 surety report to prevent repeat write-ups. To get a copy, call wing readiness at Ext. 3509.

- Be prepared to brief the assessment of your area's status beginning in June.

- Coordinate preparation efforts with any affected agency and wing readiness.

- Review 48th Fighter Wing OPlan 86-01, Inspection Team Reception Plan to fulfill responsibilities.

Richardson summed it up by simply saying: "the objective is clear - live up to our motto 'Done Right - First Time - On Time!'"

The wing's next surety inspection is June 16 - 20.



Photos by TSgt. Sam Shore

A1C Ryan Jackson controls entry to a hardened aircraft shelter.

## 48th Fighter Wing goes 50 days without a DUI

Liberty Wing active-duty members have gone 50 days without having a DUI, as of Wednesday. Here is a list of recent civilian convictions.

### Up a creek

At about 4 a.m. Feb. 26, an airman first class drove off an embankment at the intersection of the Wangford Fen Road and B1112.

He went over two three-inch concrete pillars, through a fence,

and crashed into a creek. A blood test several hours later revealed a blood-alcohol level of 54 British micrograms, equivalent to .12 g alcohol/100 ml blood. The airman was convicted of DUI in a British court. Punishment consisted of £270, £30 court costs; driver's license suspended 12 months.

### Right side = wrong side

At 11:38 p.m., Feb. 9, a police constable stopped a captain for driving on the wrong side of traf-

fic-control devices on Hamilton Road, Newmarket. A roadside breath test revealed a blood-alcohol level of 44 British micrograms, equivalent to .092 g alcohol/100 ml of blood. The captain was convicted in a British court of driving with excessive BAC. Punishment consisted of £400 fine, £35 court costs; driver's license suspended 12 months.

### Roundabout too much

At 11:30 p.m. Dec. 13, a con-

stable stopped a senior airman on the A1101 at Beck Row for difficulty in negotiating a roundabout. An on-scene breathalyzer indicated evidence of intoxication. A blood specimen taken at the Mildenhall police station revealed a blood-alcohol level of .149 g/100ml of blood. The airman was convicted of driving with excessive BAC, in violation of United Kingdom Road Traffic Act. Punishment consisted of £440 fine, £35 court costs, and driver's license suspended 18 months.